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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.16  
Expedited Procedure  
Examining Group 3632**

PATENT  
Attorney Docket No.: 29498/38437A

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re U.S. Patent Application of: )  
Ronald T. Bell ) Examiner: Gwendolyn Wrenn Baxter  
Serial No.: 10/612,220 )  
Filed: July 2, 2003 ) Group Art Unit: 3632  
Title: COMBINATION SPRING ) Confirmation no.: 5746  
TENSION ROD AND MOUNTING )  
BRACKETS FOR WINDOW )  
COVERINGS )

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION IN RESPONSE TO JUNE 16, 2006 FINAL  
REJECTION**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the action dated June 16, 2006, applicants hereby request reconsideration of the Final Rejection of claim 25 based on the Remarks/Arguments that follow.

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**Remarks** begin on page 9.